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Sun Nov. 28, 1925

Y. W. Tea. House
7:40 P.M.

Dearest Family.

After tonight - just two more Sundays away from you and three more Sundays will usher in the Christmas week. I hardly seems possible. Then after we come back - will be exams.

- Oh dear - my grades.

They will have to be heaps better than these mid-semester have been or I'll be out of luck that's all -

I'm so ashamed of my grades in college -

I sometimes feel I shouldn't be here at all but back at High School learning just the simple things.

How differently I would go at them! But

then we've got to make the

8 best of it all - as best we can.

This is prayer week. Dr. — from the Old Stone Church in Cleveland is to lead Chapel and evening services. Tonight is C. E. and topic was "Strength thru prayer". Leeland Lindsey was to lead but he is home now on account of a nervous break down. There is another girl and boy home for the same reason.

All three were taking honor work. I guess perhaps that doesn't pay either because health surely comes first.

I'm missing a lot this year and I sometimes wonder if it really does pay. So much is required in college now that we have to cram our time & courses "in order to graduate". If a person could take her time there ~~would~~ could be speech & music development - and I have to learn how to play & sing pretty soon. —

Even in college we get such a smattering idea of many things - it's so very difficult to learn about one thing & master it.

2/ Algebra is hard - perhaps
we can review it some
Christmas. I mustn't
have a single D the first
semester. - Greek is
terrible and Biology is
awfully hard. I told
you I got the highest
grade given on lab work
(97%) That's one thing I've
been the highest in Wooster
and it's quite gratifying -
altho my class work
- recitations pulled me down
to D. - and that course
I hope to raise to B.
- Boy I wish I could,

⁴ Some people get grades
so easily - it makes me
sick. - Haven't written
you much of the discouraging
things that have happened
this year and made it
so very hard in many
ways simply because I
didn't want you to
worry and because such
things are much better
understood when talked
about than written.

- so at Christmas you
dear, dear, people -
my own family - shall
know everything - However
until then forget!

God has a way for
us. It is ours to trust

(5) and obey! Prayre and Boots
have been great strength to me
this year. and then some fine
new friends. I wish you could
know my Kandiung Sun. She
is such a dear and has the
most wonderful sense of humor
I have ever known. I shall
hang her picture home at Xmas.

Boots and I were together
this afternoon and began to
read "One Girl's Influence" by
Rob. E. Spier. I am going
to give some away for
Christmas presents. It's a
wonderful book. I went to sleep
while she was reading.

My - I wonder if you
can know how I appreciated
the wonderful Thanksgiving box.
Such a box and such good
things - and so many have
enjoyed it with me. Def
not have a spread but had
girls in at different times
just to get some of it.
Miss Isued especially liked
the dates and cookies. We
would like the cookie recipe
they were so good. - and those
dates!

6/ and so many of them.

I do love stuffed dates.

I judged Esther made the fudge. and perhaps Fred helped to fix the popcorn. but mother made the cookies and perhaps most of the dates. Mary just loves that sugared pop corn.

Her folks didn't send her anything. Hope you received my telegram on Thanksgiving.

we had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner.

- turkey - mince & pumpkin pie. - pineapple ice - coffee - mashed potatoes - peas - soup - mince and assorted nuts.

7/ The boy didn't come till
the day after Thanksgiving -
but then I was glad because
I couldn't have eaten any
& been sensible - so thank-
sgiving.

Didn't hear from
Katsy - altho I wrote
her a special & told
her to call me up
long distance. I wrote
her a long letter. No
doubt I will hear
from her soon.

The faculty play
(3 one-act plays on Wed
nite) were absolutely
rotten. The first
one was supposed
to be clever but
it wasn't. There were

4/ only a few clever puns in it. The second one was best but nothing unusual. The third one was absolutely silly & mediocre. It was supposed to represent the modern idea of "fame". "Dot Mater" who took that part - looked beautiful but all of a sudden entirely out of keeping with her dress & first appearance - started to chew gum & put her feet high in the chair - "Juran" the faculty wouldn't have allowed the students to put on such a play and members of the faculty wrote it and Mrs. Root that it was clever & they score incessantly in the play - a thing that seems to me is altogether unnecessary - in a play at least to represent the characters they did - Nuff said

On Thanksgiving afternoon the students gave a very clever entertainment in the gym - much higher class than what was presented on the previous night.

I have bought a few Christmas presents but no cards yet. Got some things at the Japanese sale again. 2 ante bags like the one I gave Esther.

I do you know it's
almost Christmas and I
haven't heard a word from
Fred. — Daddy and Mother
you're the busiest and each of
you both write as often
as I do.

Would you like me
to fix you some peanuts
for Christmas, when I
come home. I fix them
here for the Tea House.
We buy them shelled
and ready to skin — then
cook them in mazola oil
they would be cheaper
and better than so much
candy and they are
good. Tell me when
I can order some
peanuts.

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my curtains are so dirty
but they will be washed
Christmas. Gus wants
to know if we can
ride home together from
Palo. on Christmas. I
am going to write her
tonight and tell her
when we come. By the
way we come home
on Friday Dec. 18th -
- two weeks from this
Friday. and exactly one
week from Christmas. and
it will pass quickly -

I have a mite of
good news to tell you if
you consider it such.
You knew that I made
the debate club and that
tryouts were to be held
for the varsity debate squad.

"Well - about 20 tried out and I happened to be one of the 12 picked for the squad - after this squad has studied and debated a little more on the subject - 6 are picked for the varsity debate team to represent Morristown at Oberlin next spring. A wonderful opportunity but oh - if I only had time to do justice to it - I'd love it - I think debating is wonderful practice

now here is something I wish you would note. The question is Resolved that capital Punishment should be abolished. - a funny question but well to study. And now - the material in our lib is not very extensive on the subject - so Christmas I intend to read up on it in the Clarksburg library. but also this I wanted like to ask of you.

Would you keep your eyes open for any current material on it and sort of keep it in mind for me. When I can also use whatever you have in your files or in your library. It would be fine - if I had time to try & make that team. Mr. Leav & Prof. Miller are debate "sponsors"

13/ Must stop now and
write a couple more
letters. Be sure and read
Watson's letter back.

Got blanks from the
board of E. ~~Must~~ feel
them out, I suppose altho
I feel rather guilty in doing
it on account of my grades.

Much love

Beau.

Another thing - the board is
awfully low on funds & I
feel that there are others who
are so much more in need
of it - dependent on themselves
etc. - that I conscientiously
do not feel just exactly right
in asking it. What is
your answer? Dad!

you thought of
after us?

Are you folks or
drawing to Pitts